

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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## WARNING LETTER

Doug Bajema, Owner Dee Bee Jersey Farm Dairy 9220 Jackman Road Lynden, Washington 98264

Re:

February 23, 2011, NPDES Compliance Inspection

NPDES Identifier Number WAU000536

Dear Mr. Bajema:

On February 23, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspected your facility to evaluate its compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA). I would like to express my appreciation for your staff's time and cooperation during the inspection. At the time of inspection, the EPA inspector observed the following area of concern:

## Storm Drain Outside of Production Area

The inspector noted patches of fuel on the ground adjacent to an aboveground diesel tank with a 1,100-gallon capacity. Directly down gradient from the diesel tank was a storm drain, which is considered a pathway to waters of the U.S.

At the time of inspection the inspector did not observe a discharge. If diesel fuel were to enter this storm drain, your facility would be in violation of the CWA and could receive penalties of up to \$16,000 per day per violation.

Although our goal is to ensure facilities comply fully with the CWA, the ultimate responsibility rests with the facility. As such, I strongly encourage your company to continue its

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efforts to maintain full knowledge of the CWA and to take appropriate measures to ensure full compliance. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Steven Potokar, CAFO Enforcement Coordinator, at (206) 553-6354.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Ogle, Manager NPDES Compliance Unit

cc: Nora Mena,

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